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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 10, 2005, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on November 10, 2005, and for which a Request for Extension of Time for one month is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to expire on December 12, 2005 (December 10, 2005 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Response.